

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MELINDA WALKER ON  
HER RETIREMENT AS CHIEF RE-  
PORTER OF DEBATES

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Melinda Walker, the Chief Reporter of Debates, on her retirement in August after more than 20 years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives.

Ms. Walker has brought great effectiveness and integrity to this critical position, which has long been vital to the transparency and accessibility of Article I, the Legislative Branch, to the American people. She carries on the long, storied tradition of shorthand reporters of debates, upon whom the House has relied for nearly two centuries to ensure that the People's House can be open and accountable to the American people.

A proud native of Texas, Ms. Walker came to the House in 1999 after serving as a court reporter for the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania. Her career began after graduating from the Stenograph Institute of Texas in 1989, and her skills took her around the country and the world, with positions in England, the Caribbean, and South Africa.

Ms. Walker has led a career of great distinction in the House. She has reported both House committee hearings and Floor proceedings, and has taken down committee testimony from two Chief Justices of the United States and three Secretaries of State, among many others. On the Floor, Ms. Walker has reported the State of the Union messages for three Presidents as well as the speeches of numerous foreign dignitaries during Joint Meetings of Congress.

Upon her promotion to Chief Reporter in 2015, she led the team of court reporters and staff in charge of the production of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. She has distinguished herself by the excellence with which she has mastered intricate parliamentary nuances of House proceedings and by her passion for and commitment to this institution. Among her many contributions to the House is the legacy she leaves through the 200-page style and format manual that she fully revised and updated for the Office of Official Reporters, which will serve as a resource for years to come.

Ms. Walker is recognized by the National Court Reporters Association as a Registered Professional Reporter, a Certified Manager of Reporting Services, and is a Certified Shorthand Reporter in Texas. She plans to return to her hometown of San Saba, Texas, and spend more time with her family and faithful hound dog, Bleu.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Walker has joined a long and distinguished tradition of dedicated, nonpartisan service to the House, and I join her staff and many others in wishing her the very best in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE "APOLLO 11"  
MOON LANDING

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, on July 20 our nation commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.

I remember July 20, 1969, when astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first humans ever to land on the moon.

With the words "the Eagle has Landed," their place in history was secured.

I hold the men and women who made that day possible in great regard for their tireless work to make it possible in my lifetime to see people depart our tiny blue planet and visit another world.

To young people listening today this may sound like science fiction, but for those of us fortunate enough to have witnessed the event it is science fact.

Since the beginning of mankind, we have been driven by curiosity and a wonder of what is next for humanity.

In 1865, Jules Verne's "From the Earth to the Moon" was published.

"From the Earth to the Moon," was a humorous science fantasy story about three members of a post-American Civil War gun club efforts to build a spaceship to the moon.

A little over a century later, the men and women of NASA made that science fiction story science fact.

People have wondered about our place in the cosmos for as long as we have been able to look up into the night sky and see the stars.

And of course, after witnessing the moon landing, we have been dared by our own sense of imagination and possibility to slip the surly bonds of earth, ascend to the heavens.

The visionary who made this possible was the nation's youngest elected president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 36th President of the United States of America.

His election as president fired the imagination of a nation that was redefining its role on the world stage following World War II.

He said in his inaugural speech "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

President Kennedy understood that for freedom to prosper in the world America must lead the way and that we did not have a person to waste—that we needed everyone's talents.

Most of all, John Kennedy was a man who never stopped thinking about tomorrow or working to realize the full promise of America.

And he understood that we all had a place in that future and a role to play in bringing it about.

John Kennedy believed there was nothing America could not achieve once it set its mind to it.

In September 1962, President Kennedy delivered his famous Moon Speech at Rice University in the city of Houston, Texas, and committed America to send a man to the moon and to bring him safely home before the end of the decade.

Asked why we should go to the moon, President Kennedy said:

"We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

To anyone who might doubt America's ability to make good on this commitment, President Kennedy said, "this country of the United States was not built by those who waited and rested and wished to look behind them."

"This country was conquered by those who moved forward—and so will space."

It is with an awe of that sense of exploration that I commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the *Apollo 11* moon landing.

In one fell swoop, President Kennedy harnessed our competitive drive and merged it with mankind's relentless pursuit of discovery and information and knowledge.

"It was a bold proposition, not because of this challenge, but also because of our standing in the Space Race."

Just four years before Kennedy's Moon Speech, the Soviets had released Sputnik into orbit, as the first unmanned satellite, and in the process taken the lead in the global space race.

Our confidence shaken, we set out to work on the mission before us.

The 1960s were a tumultuous time in our pursuit of the moon's surface—Vietnam, Civil Rights, and the Cold War vied for our attention.

A few years ago, the book "Hidden Figures," about three African American women who made significant contributions to the space program was made into a motion picture.

Their contributions and those of hundreds of women was revealed for the first time.

There are thousands of hidden figures who contributed to the pinnacle of human achievement—human space flight and men walking on the moon.

More important, it revealed the capacity of an America absent discrimination to outperform the world on the most difficult of human endeavors—landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth.

Our path to the moon was not linear and not without setbacks.

Before we could celebrate the triumph of the *Apollo 11* crew and the valor of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, we mourned the crew of *Apollo 1*, Gus Grissom, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee who died tragically during a launch test.

Before we could walk on the moon, it was necessary first to orbit the Earth.

Indeed, the journey to Mare Tranquillitatis was long, and a collective, national endeavor.

The challenge would be the pursuit of three presidents until, on July 20, 1969, the crew of *Apollo 11* touched down on the Moon's surface.

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The words uttered by Neil Armstrong were instantly immortalized, and can be recited by every child, then and now: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

This was a moment for joy and celebration for the entire nation.

But for those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion of unique pride.

The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women working in Mission Control at the NASA Johnson Space Center of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration.

I thank them for all that they do and urge all who will hear these words to maintain that same sense of discovery and exploration and wonder for what lies next for us.

And, I invoke President Kennedy's admonition to us from 58 years ago, that we should not be motivated simply by what is easy, but that we should meet the difficult challenge and savor what can be accomplished by our collective efforts.

Therefore—I seek out ways each day to touch this part of American exceptionalism—our ability to take all that we know about science, seek out new knowledge, bring the talents of all our people regardless of gender, race, or ethnicity and apply our resources to solving problems.

We can prevail against global climate change, cure cancer, end pandemics, and poverty—by pursuing these ends with the same focus and determination that our nation brought to bear in facing the challenge of landing people on the moon.

I congratulate the men and women of NASA past, present and future in making science fiction—science fact.

Today, we celebrate our trip to the moon.

I look forward to our celebration of our nation sending the first humans to Mars.

#### HONORING LUCINDA MARIE LOPEZ FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucinda Marie Lopez, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Lucinda joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

Inspired by the work and leadership of Girl Scout's founder Juliette Low, Lucinda assembled a replica of Low's childhood home for display at Brownsville's Holiday Village. Her model helped to inspire our children and instill in them values championed by the Girl Scouts. This project required remarkable creativity and attention to detail in order to bring an exhibit

of such magnitude to life. Additionally, she designed a patch of the Holiday Village, which her fellow Girl Scouts earn by visiting the village.

It is a great honor to recognize Lucinda Marie Lopez for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY HONOREE: CATHERINE ELIZABETH MCCARTHY

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I retract the Congressional recognition of Ms. Catherine Elizabeth McCarthy.

Congressional recognition of one's accomplishments is a solemn honor and privilege conferred to people that have earned it through their service to their community. Catherine Elizabeth McCarthy is wholly undeserving of this honor, as she deceived the community about her medical credentials and did not perform any of the actions described in the recognition. While I understand that I cannot make a retraction of my March 11, 2019 remarks made in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I formally submit this statement as a substitute for my earlier comments.

#### HONORING COLONEL L. OMAR LOMAS

#### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel L. Omar Lomas, an Army veteran, and a dedicated community leader. On July 18, 2019, he took command of 42D Military Police Brigade.

Colonel Lomas is a native of Texas's 15th Congressional District, born in McAllen, Texas. In 1996, he graduated from Texas State University, formerly known as Southwest Texas State, as a Distinguished Military Graduate through their ROTC program, earning his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. In August 1996, Colonel Lomas enlisted and served as an Army soldier in Operations Desert Shield/Storm. After serving, he obtained two Masters degrees, one in Business and Security Administration from Webster University and another in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Colonel Lomas engaged in a variety of impressive learning opportunities including the Military Police Officer Basic course, the Captain's Career course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College, the U.S. Army Air Assault and Airborne courses, and the Army Force Management Course.

Colonel Lomas has honorably served in key leadership roles in our military; serving as a Platoon Leader to Commander for the Military

Police at Fort McClellan, Fort Polk, Fort Hood, Fort Riley, Schofield Barracks, and in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Colonel Lomas also served as Operations Officer, Directorate of Emergency Services, Fort Riley Kansas; Military Police Observer Coach/Trainer, Mission Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Deputy Director, Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency, Pentagon; and Strategic Initiatives Group Chief, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Pentagon.

Colonel Lomas has received several awards and distinctions, including the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OCL), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (3rd Bronze Star), the Afghanistan and Iraqi Campaign Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Liberation of Kuwait Medal, the Defense of Saudi Arabia Medal, the Order of the Marechaussee (Bronze), the Combat Action, Air Assault and Parachutist's badges, and the Army Staff Badge.

Madam Speaker, Colonel L. Omar Lomas has dedicated his life to defending our country and the freedoms we hold dear. It is an honor to represent a hero who has exemplified leadership, scholarship, and selfless service. There is no doubt in my mind that Colonel Lomas will excel with 42D Military Police Brigade. I wish Colonel L. Omar Lomas, his wife Edna Georgina Garcia, and his children Maria, Miguel, Mateo, and Diego the best in their future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE MOYE FAMILY'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND FAMILY

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich history of the Moyer Family and their commitment to maintaining the values of loyalty and community.

Jacqueline Johnson, a constituent and Buffalo resident who worked for many years in the Buffalo Public School District, brought the Moyer family history to my attention as they gather in Buffalo to celebrate their 39th annual family reunion.

The Moyer family history begins in South Carolina, with the marriage of Ezra Moyer to Sarah Howard. This union produced six children, Willis, Sonny, Ezra Moyer Jr., aka "Bud", Millie, Rachel, and Margaret. From these six children, the Moyer family has grown exponentially.

The firstborn in the next generation of Moyer's is Lawrence Moyer, the son of Willis and Mattie. Prior to Lawrence's birth, all previous Moyer ancestors had lived under the crushing burden of slavery. In 1865, Lawrence was freed from slavery, and in his first display of true freedom he chose to marry two weeks later. His love for his new wife Charlotte was unbounded by slavery, and he seized this opportunity to benefit the generations of his family to come.

Willis, Sonny, Ezra, Millie, Rachel, and Margaret endured the unspeakable hardships of slavery. Even after slavery was legally abolished, injustices in education, employment, and law enforcement have had an impact on African Americans in our society. Despite this, communities of strength and virtue have prevailed, as we bear witness today at this Moye family reunion.

While this is the 39th annual Moye family reunion, it is the first one being held in Buffalo, and the city is honored to be the site of celebration for a family with such rich history and traditions. Family members descending from Eugene and Minnie, Daisy and Joseph, and Georgia and Neb live in Buffalo today. Moye family members began moving to Western New York as early as the 1930's, and thanks to the Moye Family Historian, Gregory Moye, we are able to recount some aspects of the family history today.

The Moye family is the embodiment of a virtuous family with a rich history of obstacles that ultimately led to great perseverance and triumph. Family members from all around the country have traveled and sacrificed to be here today, for the simple and beautiful reason of celebrating family with one another. Buffalo is honored to have been called home for many members of the Moye family and I would ask my colleagues to join me in extending a warm welcome to each member of the Moye family and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable successful celebration this year and for generations to come.

**HONORING ANDREA AGUILAR FOR  
RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT  
GOLD AWARD**

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrea Aileen Aguilar, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Andrea joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Andrea installed a bicycle rack and a repair station with sidewalks and landscaping at the National Historical Park—Resaca De La Palma Battlefield in Brownsville, Texas. Andrea worked with local businesses to secure labor and material. I am proud of her work ethic and ability to improve community access to an historic landmark through this project.

It is a great honor to recognize Andrea Aileen Aguilar for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

**RAISE THE WAGE ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, working Americans are rightfully concerned with their salaries and wages. H.R. 582, the "Raise the Wage Act" was an attempt to address this issue by increasing the minimum wage up to \$15/hour. Unfortunately, this is not the right approach. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) stated that this could result in the loss of up to 3.7 million jobs.

Incremental increases in the federal minimum wage are appropriate, and I was proud to support West Virginia's recent increase of the minimum wage to \$8.75/hour. But the fact is, H.R. 582 did not account for regional differences in cost of living. \$15/hour may work for places like Manhattan and San Francisco but would devastate small businesses in the Mountain State.

Further, such a drastic increase in the minimum wage would harm those workers that this bill claims to help. CBO has estimated that of the millions of jobs lost, 46 percent will be young workers and 38 percent will be those without a high school diploma. For every person lifted out of poverty by this bill, another 1 to 3 jobs would be put at risk.

If Democrats in Congress are serious about addressing issues surrounding the minimum wage, they should have proposed legislation that accounts for regional factors and slowly increases it to a more reasonable level, instead of pushing a one size fits all 107 percent increase nationwide. Unfortunately, this legislation would have been unworkable for West Virginia and I was given no other choice but to oppose it.

**TRIBUTE TO DR. SUZANNE EATON**

**HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Dr. Suzanne Eaton, an American biologist who was murdered in Greece on July 2nd. Dr. Eaton worked at the Max Planck Institute at Dresden University in Germany, where she was a leader in the field of molecular biology. Her colleagues described her as a woman with an insatiable curiosity and a humble, loving heart.

The legacy she leaves behind is not one of sorrow. Instead, it is a legacy of discovery. Dr. Eaton's work advanced our understanding of the building blocks of life, and in doing so, provided an invaluable contribution to the understanding of humankind. For this, and for her, we are grateful.

Today, it is my hope that we can remember here in this chamber her work, her life, and her legacy.

**HONORING ABIGAIL ELIZABETH  
ROCHA FOR ACHIEVING THE  
GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Abigail Elizabeth Rocha, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Abigail joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Abigail built five libraries, three in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico and two in Brownsville, Texas. An avid reader, Abigail excelled in her goal of providing both communities with access to books. I applaud her vision and ambition as she diligently worked on both sides of our border to get the communities involved in this project. Her imagination and leadership helped improve educational opportunities for children and families.

It is a great honor to recognize Abigail Elizabeth Rocha for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

**DAN BRENNAN**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chief of Police Dan Brennan for his many years of service to the City of Wheat Ridge and surrounding communities.

For almost 15 years, Chief Brennan has served the Wheat Ridge community and the City's police department. Chief Brennan became Chief of Police in 2005, but his commitment to his community started long before then. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from local colleges before graduating from the 208th Session of the FBI National Academy, the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police, the University of Denver Public Safety Leadership Institute, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leading Police Organizations Program.

Chief Brennan has been recognized for many of his achievements with the Medal for Meritorious Service, Medal for Distinguished Service, the Police Service Award, Police Officer of the Year, and the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police Ralph Smith Professional Innovation Award. Chief Brennan's dedication

to public service and helping people has improved the quality of life in Wheat Ridge and across Jefferson County.

I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Chief Brennan for his service and commitment to our community and his service to the people of Colorado.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF JUDY SCHNEIDER

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judy Schneider who is retiring from the Congressional Research Service after over forty years of service on Capitol Hill.

Last year, when Judy Schneider received a lifetime achievement award from the Congressional Management Foundation, the Roll Call article on the event stated that “hundreds of members of Congress know how to legislate because Judy Schneider taught them.” If anything, that does not capture the extent and depth of Judy Schneider’s influence on Congress and the legislative process.

Judy, who received both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from American University has also worked for the Senate Ethics Committee, the Senate Select Committee to Study the Senate Committee System, and the House Commission on Administrative Review. She has been with CRS since 1979. She has also been active with Women in Government Relations, who recognized and honored her work through their program “Direct Connect to Congress” series by creating a fellowship in her name.

Congress depends on rules and precedents, decades and sometimes centuries old. We, as legislators, must rely upon guides and pathfinders to navigate the legislative process and to make sure that the institution operates as it should. There have been few, if any, guides and pathfinders as instrumental in serving this institution and in lighting the way for all of us to assist us in working to ensure that this nation meets the challenge of its promise.

I thank Judy Schneider for her years of service to all of us and wish her the very best in her retirement.

#### HONORING KATHRYN THALIA LEOS FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathryn Thalia Leos, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Kathryn joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual’s outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A

scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

Kathryn’s project, “Kat’s Closet,” focused on meeting the professional-attire needs of students at South Texas Academy for Medical Professions. The school serves as an alternative to larger high schools of local independent school districts for students interested in pursuing careers in health care. Equipping our next generation of leaders is critical as they embark on their careers. Kathryn’s work has made a lasting, positive impact on the lives of many.

It is a great honor to recognize Kathryn Thalia Leos for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JULY 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2162, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to annually hire at least 600 new Border Patrol agents, to report quarterly to Congress on the status of the Border Patrol workforce, and to conduct a comprehensive staffing analysis, S. 1976, to amend the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 2065, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish an annual report on the use of deepfake technology, S. 2183, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze certain legislation in order prevent duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, S. 2177, to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory, S. 2169, to amend

section 3116 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the appointment limitations for students appointed under the expedited hiring authority for post-secondary students, S. 2107, to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support staff in the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, S. 2193, to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, S. 764, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, S. 439, to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 2119, to amend title 5, United States Code, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to Federal employees, H.R. 2590, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, H.R. 3305, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building”, and the nominations of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and William Bryan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of David L. Norquist to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize, focusing on innovative solutions to reduce human-predator conflict.

SD-406

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary, Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine authorities for the use of military force.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 496, to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen, S. 893, to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, S. 1148, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to give preferential consideration to individuals who have successfully completed air traffic controller training and veterans when hiring air traffic control specialists, S. 1341, to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, S. 1349, to expand enrollment in TSA PreCheck to expedite commercial travel screening and improve airport security, S. 1625, to promote the deployment of commercial fifth-generation mobile networks and the sharing of information with communications providers in the United States regarding security risks to the networks of those providers, S. 1822, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, S. 1858, to ensure the Chief Information Office of the Consumer Product Safety Commission has a significant role in decisions related to information technology, proposed legislation entitled, "Regional Ocean Partnership Act", S. 2035, to require the Transportation Security Administration to develop a strategic plan to expand eligibility for the PreCheck Program to individuals with Transportation Worker Identification Credentials or Hazardous Materials Endorsements, S. 2134, to extend the transfer of Electronic Travel Authorization System fees from the Travel Promotion Fund to the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Brand USA) through fiscal year 2027, and a promotion list in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, and Michael Graham, of Kansas, both to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Michael J.K. Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

SH-216

11 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Government Publishing Office, Office of the Inspector General.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

To hold hearings to examine confronting Ebola, focusing on addressing a 21st century global health crisis.

SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2159, to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation"; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of E. Sequoyah Simermyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Small Business Administration Reauthorization Act".

SR-428A

JULY 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine hemp production and the 2018 farm bill.

SR-328A

Committee on Armed Services

Business meeting to consider pending military nominations.

SVC-217

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine state and Federal recommendations for enhancing school safety against targeted violence.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the importance of energy innovation to economic growth and competitiveness.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1494, to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 398, to support the peaceful resolution of the civil war in Yemen, to address the resulting humanitarian crisis, and to hold the perpetrators responsible for murdering a Saudi dissident, S. 2066, to review United States Saudi Arabia Policy, S. 1441, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain ves-

sels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116-01), and the nominations of Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, Doug Manchester, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Libya, John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Adrian Zuckerman, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Romania, Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

S-116

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the state of media freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region.

HVC-210

JULY 30

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vice Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, to be Admiral and Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Copyright Office.

SD-226